

Attachment One

2011-2012 ACT Council of P&C Associations Budget Analysis

Budget Input	Status	Comments
<p>Departments that provide vital services (eg. Education, Health) be exempt from the efficiency dividends being imposed to return the Budget to surplus</p>	<p>Achieved</p>	<p>The Government has lifted the 1% efficiency dividend initially set for 2011-2012.</p> <p>This however was done on negotiation that some initiatives, eg. The ACT Public Secondary Schools Innovation Fund will be funded internally. Given the current resources available at the ETD, it has not been made clear where money will be shifted internally in order to fund these agency funded initiatives. Will this be efficiency measures under a different guise?</p>
<p>Specialist literacy and numeracy teachers and coordinators be employed in ACT Secondary Colleges to address student need.</p>	<p>Doubtful</p>	<p>This is the Education and Training Directorate's first Key Priority; however, unless the ETD redirect funding from a current program or College Principals choose to redirect some internal school funding, this will not be achieved.</p>
<p>The <i>Smart Schools Smart Students</i> program be extended to support the purchase of computers for primary and early high school students</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>	<p>\$2.6 million for Digital Learning. There have been no indications from the ETD how this money will be used and for what schools. The ETD has no established objectives in place to assess the delivery of digital learning facilities into ACT schools. Parents are frustrated with continuing delays to the parent portal of the cLc.</p>
<p>Extra relief teaching be funded to allow teachers to undertake professional development when the ACT implements the National Curriculum</p>	<p>Not Funded</p>	<p>This may be included as extra days in the new upcoming EBA, but unless this is the case, there is no new money in the Budget to fund the much needed professional development of</p>

		teachers to deliver the National Curriculum in the territory's schools, despite this being a key priority of the Directorate. It seems the Government does not understand the new demands that implementing the National Curriculum will have on teachers and the skills that will be required of teachers to teach the new curriculum.
The Department of Education and Training operate healthy school canteens where school P&Cs are unable and/or unwilling to do so.	Not Funded	No funding has been provided to allow for this to occur.
There be funding for a DET campaign to promote parents' involvement in school P&Cs.	Not Funded	There is no new initiative or funding for programs to encourage parental involvement in their child's education or at their school.
Either the middle years Maths Mental Computation professional development program be continued, or a suitable replacement based on the National Curriculum be made available.	Not Funded	There is no funding allocated for such a scheme.
Funding made available for the <i>Primary Connections</i> science education package (or equivalent).	Not Funded	There is no funding allocated for such a scheme.
A full-time school counsellor or psychologist to be employed in every public school with over 500 students, as recommended by the inquiry into the death of Alex Wildman.	Not Funded	There is no funding allocated for such a scheme.
The DET employ a dedicated Bullying Response Officer.	Not Funded	There is no funding allocated for such a scheme. There is \$10.8million in the budget to be put towards capital works for health and safety upgrades but no funding for new initiatives around a bullying response officer or other staff involved in the frontline social, emotional and physical safety of students.